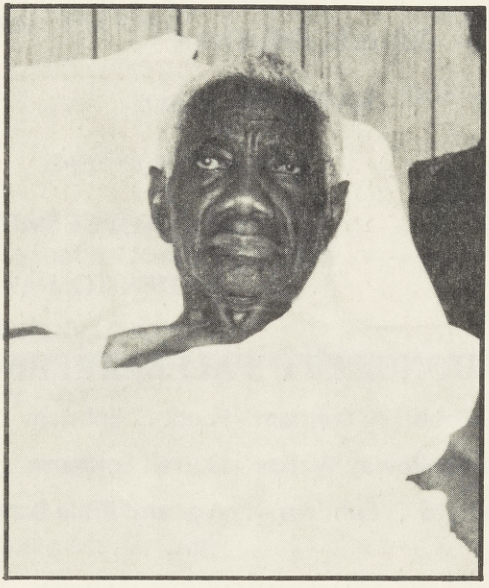
IN LOVING MEMORY

Of

# ROBERT T. EPHRIAM



**Saturday, January 10, 1987**

1:00 P.M.

**Emmanuel Church of God In Christ**

1399 East 33rd Street

Los Angeles, California 90011

**Elder LeRoy Mardis**

Pastor/Officiant

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

ELDER ARCHIE BROOKS

DR. OTHA G. McKINNEY

CHARLES CHRISTIAN

NATHANIEL WADE

DEA. HENRY JENKINS

DEA. GEORGE SMITH

DEA. TOMMY JAMES

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Robert A. Ephriam - Frank C. Ephriam

Holloway Walker - Darrell Ephriam

Richard C. Ephriam - Prayer and Bible Band

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Angelus Funeral Home

Directors in Charge

## ORDER OF SERVICE

VIEWING OF REMAINS

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION—"Near The Cross" ..... Choir

PRAYER ..... Elder Lincoln Fuller

SCRIPTURE

SELECTION—"Beautiful Garden of Prayer" ..... Choir

REMARKS AND RESOLUTIONS
Mother Addie Wilbourne (Church Mother)
Elder Henry Fredericks

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Sis. Hortense Cerile

SELECTION—"Take Me Through" ..... Choir

FAMILY TRIBUTE ..... Evang. Mae Ephriam Stewart

OBITUARY ..... Evang. Norma Heard

EULOGY ..... Elder LeRoy Mardis

RECESSIONAL

## INTERMENT

**Lincoln Memorial Park**

# OBITUARY

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34:19

ROBERT T. EPHRIAM was born on February 26, 1911, to Jerry and Nettie Ephriam in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Robert T. was united in holy matrimony to Mable Strong on July 7, 1934. To this union was born ten (10) children, three (3) of whom preceded him in death.

He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour as a young man at Red Bone Baptist Church in Mississippi. He later embraced the holiness church. Along with his wife and family in 1942, he joined the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ ("COGIC"), pastored by his cousin, the late Elder William Levi.

In 1954, Robert T. moved to Los Angeles and made preparation for his family to join him, which they did in 1955. The family united with the St. Paul COGIC at 113th St. and Compton Ave., pastored by Elder Samuel Wilson. There, he served faithfully and loyally as a Deacon and Trustee until he was left permanently paralized and disabled from a stroke in 1963.

The family patriarch left unable to take his family to church, caused them to move their membership close to home—Emmanuel COGIC, where they have been since 1964.

Robert T. is remembered by his family and all who knew him for his decisiveness—he said what he meant and meant what he said; his timeliness, honesty, friendly smile and greeting, dependability, independence and strong will. It was his strong will and faith in God which enabled him to endure his burdens and suffering. He had the faith of Job and trusted God throughout his illness. He never complained about his weakness and his inability to do for himself. He accepted God's will.

Robert T. told his wife that he was ready to go home when she ended her visit with him on January 5, 1987. God granted his desire at 3:25 p.m. and took his natural body from this evil world.

Robert T. leaves to cherish his words of wisdom and many fond memories: his loving and **devoted** wife of 52 years, Mable; three sons, Robert, Richard and Frank; four daughters, Mae Stewart of Santa Maria, Lee Ola Wade, Mablean Paxton and Marilyn Walker; two brothers, Johnnie Martin of New Jersey and Joseph Ephriam of Los Angeles; two sons-in-law, Lucious Stewart and Holloway Walker; one daughter-in-law, Janice Ephriam; twenty-three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, three sisters-in-law; and hundreds of nieces, nephews, cousins, god-children and other relatives and friends.

God doeth all things well. We accept His divine will and thank Him for preserving Robert's life 75 years.